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**RULES 63 AND 67 (37 C.F.R. 1.63 and 1.67)
DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**

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My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name; and

I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: **MESOPOROUS COMPOSITIONS FOR USE IN DRUG DELIVERY**, the specification of which: (mark only one)

- X (a) is attached hereto.
___ (b) was filed on _____ as Application Serial No. _____.
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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims as amended by any amendment referred to above or as allowed as indicated above.

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PRIOR FOREIGN PATENTS

<u>Number</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Month/Day/Year</u> <u>Filed</u>	<u>Date first laid-</u> <u>open or</u> <u>Published</u>	<u>Date</u> <u>patented or</u> <u>Granted</u>	<u>Priority Claimed</u> <u>Yes</u> <u>No</u>
NONE					

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 120/365 of any United States application(s) listed below and PCT international applications listed above or below:

PRIOR U.S. OR PCT APPLICATIONS

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